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MAILSTOP: PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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SMALL ENTITY

Re: Rule 1.53(b) Continuation Application of Ingo **Irion** and Michael **Voss**
Entitled "**DEVICE FOR CLAMPING TOOLS**"
Atty. Ref: **3827.124**
Customer No.: **000041288**

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application of pending prior parent Application No. 09/958,704 filed on October 9, 2001, entitled "DEVICE FOR CLAMPING TOOLS" allowed November 17, 2003, which was a national stage of PCT/EP00/02123 filed March 10, 2000 and based upon DE 199 15 412 filed April 6, 1999 under the International Convention, the specification of which is hereby incorporated in its entirety by reference.

This application is being filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b). We enclose the specification, claims, abstract, one (1) sheet of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Examiner Daniel W. Howell in Group Art Unit 3722.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>29</u>	-	20 =	<u>9</u>	x	9.00 = \$ 81.00
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Respectfully submitted,

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing cover letter including the specification, claims, abstract, one (1) sheet of drawings, a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the prior application, and a stamped receipt postcard are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. §1.10 on the date indicated and is addressed: **MAIL STOP: PATENT APPLICATION, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

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